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C O N F I D E N T I A L ALGIERS 0412

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SP, AG

SUBJECT: CUBILLO AFFAIRS

REF: MADRID 1065

1. SPANISH AMBASSADOR MANUECO CALLED ON BOUMEDIENE 6 FEBRUARY. PRESS ACCOUNT NOTED THAT CALL WAS "AT THE REQUEST" OF AMBASSADOR. THIS UNUSUAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR ALGERIAN PRESS TO MAKE. USUALLY, EVEN WHEN IT IS TRUE THAT CALL MADE AT REQUEST OF AN AMBASSADOR, ALGERIAN PRESS COVER IT WITH EXPLANATION THAT AMBASSADOR DELIVERING MESSAGE FROM APPROPRIATELY HIGH OFFICIAL IN AMBASSADOR'S COUNTRY.

2. ON FEBRUARY 12 I ASKED MOHAMED ABERKANE, CHIEF OF DIVISION OF NORTH AMERICAN AND WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AT FONMINISTRY, WHAT MANUECO HAD DISCUSSED WITH BOUMEDIENE. ABERKANE SAID THAT HE HAD NOT YET HAD REPORT OF CONVERSATION FROM PRESIDENCY BUT MANUECO HAD INFORMED HIM DISCUSSION COVERED FULL RANGE OF SPANISH-ALGERUAB RELATIONS.

3. I ASKED ABERKANE IF MANUECO HAD BROUGHT UP CUBILLO AFFAIR; ABERKANE RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW. I EXPRESSED REGRET THAT ONE-MAN OPERATION SUCH AS CUBILLO COULD CAUSE SUCH DIFFICULTIES IN SPANISH-ALGERIAN RELATIONS.

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ABERKANE RESPONDED THAT CUBILLO WAS SIMPLE ONE-MAN OPERATION AND THAT EVEN THE OTHER "FIVE OR SIX" MEMEBERS OF THE CANARY ISLANDS LIBERATION MOVEMENT REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE CUBILLO AS THEIR MENTOR. HE OBSERVED, HOWEVER, THAT CUBILLO'S RADIO HEARD THROUGHOUT SPAIN AND NOTED WITH A SATISFIED SMILE THAT ALTHOUGH IT HAD LITTLE IMPACT ON SPANISH PEOPLE IT WAS "OBVIOUSLY GETTING UNDER THE SKIN OF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT."

4. I OBSERVED THAT THIS DID NOT SEEM TO BE A WISE MOVE ON THE PART OF GOA. ABERKANE GAVE STANDARD RESPONSE THAT IT WAS NOT A GOA MATTER; CUBILLO WAS SUPPORTED BY THE FLN AND ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAD NO INFLUENCE OVER IT.

5. COMMENT: IF ABERKANE'S INSOUCIANCE IS ANY REFLECTION OF ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT PERCEPTIONS, WE WOULD HAVE TO SAY EITHER THAT ALGERIANS REMARKABLY UNCONCERNED ABOUT POTENTIAL BREAK (MADRID REFTTEL) OR THAT SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH GOS APPARENTLY TAKES GRAPO COMMUNIQUE HAS NOT BEEN BROUGHT HOME TO THEM.LYNE

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